

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully submitted in view of the present amendment and in light of the following discussion.

Claims 28-33 are pending in the present application. Claims 28 and 29 are amended and new Claims 30-33 are added by the present amendment.

Claims 28 and 29 are amended to better conform with U.S claim drafting practice without adding new matter. Thus, it is believed that Claims 28 and 29 remain allowable.

Applicants respectfully submit that support for new Claims 30-33 is self-evident from the disclosure as originally filed, including Figures 2, 3A, and 3B, and the originally-filed claims. No new subject matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

New Claims 30-33 have been added to set forth the invention in a varying scope. In particular, new independent Claims 30 and 32 recite the allowable subject matter of independent Claim 28, i.e., a valve “configured to allow a nozzle to enter the container body and to discharge toner from the container body.”

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that new Claims 30-33 are also allowable.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

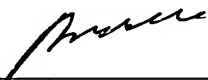
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